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# Setting the Stage for Miracles

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**E**VERYONE believes in miracles! To deny them is as unscientific as it is sceptical. Let the atheist trumpet his disbelief in the existence of God, of Divine intervention in human affairs, of life after death; but he dare not deny the existence of miracles. The facts of science and history would swarm to the defense; they would laugh him to scorn. For by whatever name you call it . . . natural law, physical phenomena, acts of God, moral force or Mother Nature . . . miracles happen within us and about us twenty-four hours a day. We live in a world so full of miracles our jaded senses weary with the reporting.

For centuries man fumbled with his clumsy keys trying to pick the lock of God's universe. Stored up within a tiny invisible substance was a world of energy that could do miraculous things. Then man found the right key and miracles began to happen. Energy was released but man had made neither the key, nor the energy; he merely had *discovered* the right combinations.

The tombs of the Pharaohs held their secrets for milleniums until someone unlocked the vaults and brought to the world the treasures of antiquity. Among them were seeds deposited in urns that had been left for the use of the Pharaoh in another world. They were small, shriveled seeds that a sceptic would have discarded as worthless. But true science has no time to be cynical; there are

too many worlds to conquer. Someone planted those seeds, watered them, exposed them to the sun and miracles of miracles, seeds that had lain dormant for centuries burst their vest buttons and grew, grew, grew. A substance we call "life" was captive within those seeds . . . as within all seeds . . . and waits only for someone to set the stage for its miracle to happen.

To the Christian, these are exciting things. He is not paralyzed by unbelief, nor crippled by sneers. He has an Almighty God enthroned on the circle of the universe and knows that all power flows down from Him. For what we call "energy" in the atom and "life" in the seed is the same power that operated through Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, that Incorruptible Seed. "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

But our problem is not with a belief in the miraculous. We merely stumble about looking for the key. Our push-button age conditions us to demand push-button miracles. If God wants to perform the unusual, we will let Him, nor would we lift a finger to co-operate.

But neither science, commerce, industry, nor government work like this. They leave nothing to chance — nothing to coincidence. Whether in the laboratory or at the council chambers of diplomacy, men set the stage for miracles by painstaking effort and

then believe with magnificent faith . . . faith that puts ours to shame . . . that miracles do happen.

If men without God can exercise such faith why not men who know their God? "They that know their God shall do exploits."

Thus, in the world of the spirit, that Divine realm called, "The Kingdom of God," miracles happen because spiritually perceptive people painstakingly set the stage for miracles. God is a partner with such people.

Years ago a little English shoemaker embarked for India on an historic journey. He was destined to become the Father of Protestant Missions. The theologians and prelates mocked at such as he conquering a pagan people for God. But he left behind him a formula for miracle that is immortal. He cried, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God."

It is in the "attempting" that we prepare the ground for Divine interventions. Latent in the Word of God is a world of supernatural power waiting only to be released. Few people can split an atom but a child can plant a seed. So simple also is the process by which the humblest saint can plant the Incorruptible Seed and experience the power of God.

#### FORMULA FOR MIRACLE

There appears to be a four-step formula which can become the key to unlock these Divine resources latent in the universe around us and within



stage for miracle.

### 1. *Dream Big Dreams.*

Miracles begin with dreams. The awesome sky-scraper, the mighty suspension bridge, the flaming missiles, the orbiting satellites, all began with a dream. Someone lived with that dream . . . communed with it . . . took council with it till desire was seven times hot. For dreams are the fuel of desire.

The Word of God. By this we set the In like manner, the first step toward a personal miracle must always be the vision of the imagination. For dreams reach out into the world of the unreal and bring into sharp focus that which at present does not exist. Dreams are a part of faith. Hebrews chapter 11 says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." "Things hoped for" are things dreamed about . . . envisioned in the mind as already existing.

And to prove that desire is important to miracle, Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray believe that you receive it and ye shall have it." So before ever we attempt great things for God we must be a dreamer of dreams.

### 2. *Think Big Thoughts.*

The second step in the process is to think great thoughts. We seldom realize the power of our thought patterns. Small thoughts make small people. Habits of thinking can either make or destroy us. And in some strange way we seem to attract into our lives the consequences of our thought life. Thus, trouble attracts trouble, fear attracts catastrophe, faith attracts miracles.

Nor do we realize that we have the power to control our thoughts. Our minds are not sieves through which we must allow any thought to pass that demands entrance. We are the "Keeper of the Keys." We may say to some thoughts . . . "Thou shalt not pass."

In Jeremiah 29:11 God says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you . . . thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an unexpected end." The Lord holds great expectations for us. He has an "expected end" and will not hesitate to perform miracles to achieve it. We are in His thoughts constantly. How shameful that we only remember Him casually.

We will never know the power of a personal miracle until we deliberately fill our minds with thoughts of God. Think of His greatness, His goodness, His faithfulness. Let Him fill the whole horizon of your thinking until you are as aware of Him as of any other person you know. Think Big

Thoughts about a great God.

### 3. *Believe with Big Faith.*

The third step in setting the stage for miracles is not as difficult as it may seem, for people who fill their minds with thoughts of God create a climate that breeds faith.

Faith is the power captive within the Word of God. It comes by hearing (or knowing) and hearing by the Word of God. He who would attempt great things for God must learn how to "expect" great things from God. That is faith.

Miracles on any level begin to occur when we deliberately marshal the promises of God and march them up and down on the parade ground of our hearts. We memorize them, we meditate upon them, we quote them to ourselves, we make them our daily companions. Then they infiltrate into the deep, mystic areas of our lives like seeds planted in good soil. Then they begin to release their energy. Like Stephen we become "full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost" for "faith is (a) substance" of things hoped for and becomes the evidence of things not seen.

Watch for the great affirmations of Scripture! To affirm something as true is to put faith into words and repeat them again and again. The

Twenty-third Psalm is full of such affirmations.

"I shall not want" . . . because

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

"I will fear no evil" . . . because

"Thou art with me."

"He leadeth me" . . . "His rod and staff comfort me."

"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Repeating again and again these great affirmations has a healing balm that can drive out the viruses of doubt, fear, anxiety and unbelief. Oh, believe with Big Faith!

### 4. *Act with Big Effort.*

Faith without works is worthless, we would paraphrase a well-known verse, "Acting as if" is important to faith. Peter would never have known he could walk on the water if he had not first attempted the feat.

Having dreamed great dreams, thought great thoughts, and believed with great believing, all would be lost if we did not "attempt great things." Somewhere we must show that our works equal our faith.

Hebrews chapter eleven is a chronicle of action. By faith . . . "Abel offered," "Enoch walked," "Noah built," "Abraham obeyed." These were the acts of holy men and women

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## A Short Pastorate

by WILLIAM LEACH

Long or short pastorates? I once heard a debate on this subject. The minister who spoke for the short pastorates was dynamic and to the point. He said, "I have never served a church for a year but that I have found some people from whom I was glad to move."

He did not know it, but in those words he had crowded the best arguments for a long term pastorate. For he describes the type of minister who will find little compensation in his chosen field. The minister who goes into a parish with the idea of finding people he would like to move from, lacks the first quality of a spiritual leader.

Running away from trouble helps neither the church nor the minister. The preacher himself, who follows that pattern, will miss many of the compensations of his work.

The short term pastor will miss the great thrill of seeing the babies he dedicated, and later welcomed into the church, grow to maturity and

bring their own children. He will miss the confidence of the community leaders which can only be achieved by years of sharing in the community life. He will miss the satisfaction which comes from following through a long program to fruition. In short, he is left with only an experience of newness.

The church which is subjected to a series of short pastorates will miss the joy of development. Rome was not built in a day nor can a church reach maturity in a few months. It requires consecration and persistence. That is the way in which character develops in both ministers and churches.

A minister is not dependent upon the perfect church. He knows that people vary in character and disposition. But as a leader he takes these facts and adjusts himself to them. He will count his failures and his gains. But he always remembers, as George Washington wrote, "If you can't have people as you like them, you must take them as they are."

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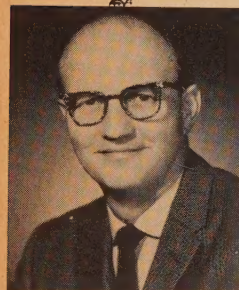




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## Season's

## Greetings

## Christmas

Why shouldn't this Christmas be sweeter  
Than ever a Christmas before,  
When Jesus is tenfold dearer,  
Outpouring His grace more and more?

Why shouldn't our praises mount higher  
For mercies still greater He's shown,  
For hope of His coming brought nigher  
To those who are fully His own?

Why shouldn't the future be brighter  
With glad expectation each day?  
Why shouldn't the burden seem lighter  
With Jesus, our King, on His way?

Why shouldn't our vision be clearer,  
His last blest command to obey,  
While ever His coming draws nearer,  
And millions in darkness still stray?

Oh thus can this Christmas be sweeter,  
Than ever a Christmas before,  
If souls that are dying are dearer  
And on them Christ's love we outpour?

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**“WHEN THE** fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law” (Gal. 4:4).

To many people Christmas is the most festive of all the year's holidays. Children look forward to the presents they will receive, the good things to eat and the Christmas tree they will help decorate without realizing the real meaning of the day.

To those who know Christ as a personal Savior, Christmas is the fulfillment of God's promise to the world. This scripture stating, “God sent forth His son, made of woman,” at first glance might not seem significant, but when another Old Testament promise is examined we see that there is a way

called Joseph, but not yet married. It was a startling message she received. “Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.” The context shows how amazed Mary was at this announcement. She knew that this was an impossibility and so asked the question, “How can this be, seeing I know not a man?” The answer was clear and plain. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” This is called the Virgin Birth.

In Christ there is the perfect union to bring redemption to man. As the

ing, there are those who are looking for His second coming.

Simeon looked for the coming Savior. It was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (See Luke 2:26.) He lived for the day when he would see the fulfillment of this revelation. When he came by the Spirit into the temple and saw Jesus, he exclaimed. “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.”

So it will be in the day of His second coming. The world is not looking for His return, but there are those who are watching and are ready for His return.

## **A Christmas Message**

# **God Sent Forth His Son**

**By RUBEN A. WILSON**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

in which the Savior was to be peculiarly identified with woman.

After the fall of Adam and Eve, when God pronounced judgment upon them, He also gave a definite promise of hope. “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and betwixt thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15).

Here the seed of the woman is definitely brought into focus. When Christ came into the world it was not as the seed of man — but of woman — this sign would be given. “Therefore the Lord himself shall give a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). This scripture brings again into focus the fact that a son whose name was to be Immanuel, would be born of woman in contrast to the idea that he was to be the son of man.

The fulfillment of these promises is found in Luke 1:27-38. Here the angel of the Lord appears to a young virgin who was engaged to a man

Son of God He is without sin and therefore able to become the perfect substitute for sinful man. As son of woman He was clothed with humanity to be tempted in all points as we are yet without sin. He fulfills I Tim. 2:5, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

In the fulness of time God sent forth His Son. We have pointed out that the promise of God concerning His Son went back to the fall of man. Why did not Jesus come sooner? Because when God's time was ready His Son came forth, not before or later, but in the fulness of time. Prophets had prophesied of His coming, Israel had prayed for His coming, but He came at God's appointed time.

The wise men saw the star and followed it to the place where Jesus lay. The shepherds heard the angel chorus and came to the manger to see the Christchild. Here is a parallel between the first coming of Christ and His second coming. Just as there were those who looked for His first com-

When will He come? Many have studied diligently endeavoring if possible to determine the time of His coming. Some have believed they had found the answer. I have heard ministers say that there was nothing to keep Christ from coming any time. This may be true but my personal conviction is that the answer is found in our text. As in the fulness of time God sent forth His Son the first time, so in the fulness of God's time He will come again. Not before or after, but exactly the time God has set.

As we approach this Christmas season looking out over the world situation, we are made to realize we are living in perilous days. No man knows what a day or a year will bring forth, but we do have the assurance that God is still on the throne. As in Daniel's day, the most high God rules in the kingdoms and affairs of men. In His time He will send forth His Son, not to die, but to take His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords.



# Guard Well The Gates

by ZELMA ARGUE

**I**T WAS that choice saint of God, George Mueller, who wrote that he made it his first duty every morning, before he saw the face of man, to tune his heart to gladness in the Word of God and read and meditate therein until praises swelled spontaneously within him. Then it was that with victory already in his soul. His time of morning prayer was filled with exuberant joy because he realized "the joy of the Lord is your strength." This would start him on the day with victory and strength from the Lord. He knew how to guard well the morning gates. David had this secret too, "Morning, noon, and at night will I praise Thee."

## GUARD WELL THE MORNING GATES

In the morning of life let us exult in the Lord. David did in his boyhood on the hills of Judea under an open sky. His youthful melody was one of deliverance, as though he knew he was soon to be threatened by foes of great strength and power — the bear, the lion and later by the giant of Gath. What grounds for confidence this wrought within him when as a young man it was King Saul who was seeking his life. He placed his trust in the Lord and in every instance He never failed to deliver him.

David sang praise of the delivering power of God in Psalms 18, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer . . . He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me" (Psa. 18:2, 17). His songs tell of this glorious delivering truth. David learned to sing the song of trust early in the morning of his life.

## GUARD WELL THE NOONTIDE GATES

In the full heat of responsibility how good it is to lift the heart in song to the Lord for inner renewal. When

various needs seem to call for "full speed ahead," let us pause then to check our hearts and see if they conform to scriptural admonitions. Are we *pure, kept, searched, broken and lowly, trusting, wise, revived, new, purposeful*, and like the heart of Jesus, "meek and lowly"? If this is so, the swift current will not move us from our anchor in the noontide heat.

## GUARD WELL THE EVENING GATE

The scriptures present choice evening comfort. "And the dove came to him in the evening." "At even time it shall be light."

Traveling recently in the South Sea Islands. I observed when the soft light of evening settled down, after the day's heat was expended, the doves would come near and sing their soft cooing songs. Let the song of the Dove be heard in your heart when the sun is sinking in the western sky.

Even on to the hour of midnight we may keep the melody in our hearts unto the Lord. Paul and Silas did in the Philippian jail. Stocks held fast their feet, salt water stung their lashed backs; but their hearts were still singing praise. "Immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:26). In adverse circumstances we may do well, likewise, to sing praises and see the doors open and bands fall off. Guard well the gates that close the day.

Have you ever caught the music of God's creation? Have you ever heard the stars sing in their courses? If "the morning stars sing together, and all the sons of God shout for joy" (Job 38:7), our listening hearts may catch these rapturous, exulting strains. With Miriam and her timbrel, with David and his harp, with Paul and Silas in the inner dungeon, we too may make melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

## PERSONAL MENTION

GARLAND AND EVELYN COVINGTON are now on the evangelistic field after pastoring four years in Idaho. Last January Garland took an 80-day trip around the world in the interest of Speed-the-Light, speaking in many mission stations. He spent two weeks in Indonesia and three weeks in Singapore. On returning home he held four STL rallies in Idaho. Their address is P. O. Box 582, Boise, Idaho.

C. R. AND MRS. FREEZE are continuing to minister in Tijuana. They now have an orphanage with nine children and a grade school with 18. These children are from homes whose parents have no money to provide suitable clothing or books.

STANLEY P. McPHERSON writes from Buenos Aires in August while having a campaign with Louis Stokes at the evangelistic center. Five had received the Holy Spirit in three nights. He left there for Montevideo, Uruguay.

WESLEY STEELBERG, pastor of the North Hollywood Assembly, reports a revival meeting with Evangelist ED COLE, November 6-13.

LONNIE R. AND MRS. WILLIAMS are in Germany on military assignment. They are conducting meetings with from 20 to 40 in attendance.

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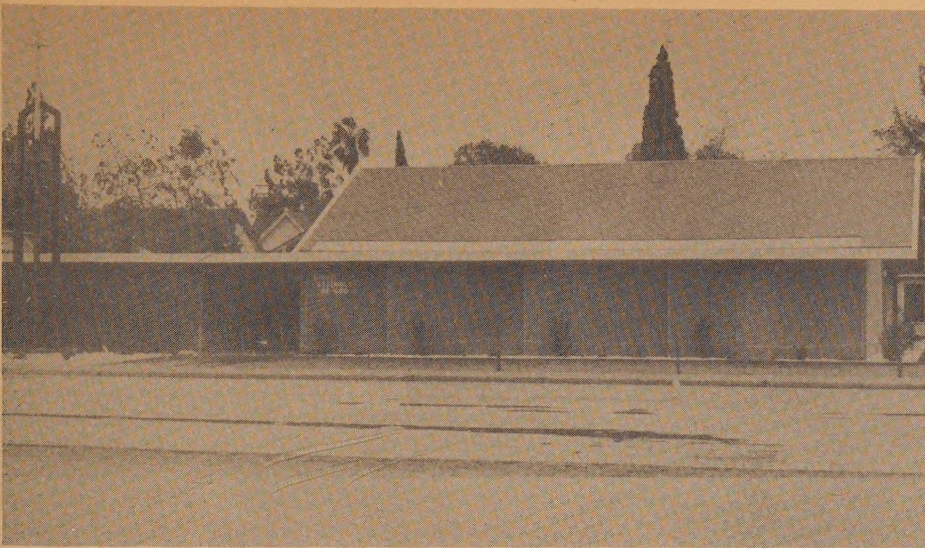
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The new Bethany Assembly of God in Oakdale

## Oakdale Dedicates New Building

Pastor Gordon S. Swanson and the congregation of Bethel Assembly of God in Oakdale held their official dedication services November 6 and 7.

Bethel Assembly was born in the revival fires of a generation ago. Rev. Leonard Rogers and Rev. Guy Renfroe pioneered the church in 1929. An old frame church was purchased at that time and used until the present. In demolishing it to make way for the new church, Sunday school records dating back to 1910 were found.



Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Swanson

In 1959 the property and house adjacent to the church was purchased. The property provides ample room for expansion of the new facilities.

The dedication, held the 6th, was officiated over by Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. Other speakers for the services were Dr. C. C. Burnett, Rev. Robert Carrington and James R. Swanson.

Bethel Assembly has enjoyed a tripled increase in membership in the 20 months that the Swansons have been there.

Pray for them as they continue this ministry in the next two years.

MILDRED HOWARD AND HAZEL YOUNGMAN held nine children's crusades this past summer. They were in Willows, Placerville, Escalon, Stockton (both Bethel and Mosswood), Ripon, Willits, Denair and Colusa. Almost 1,000 children and teen-agers enrolled and many sought the Lord at the church altars.

### MIRACLES

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who dared to attempt great things. The Bible is full of commands to act, for *Acting is Obeying*.

Thus we set the stage for miracles . . . carefully, painstakingly, like men in a laboratory, like diplomats at a council table. And while we prepare our hearts for the supernatural, God moves in to perform it.

"I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11).

## Taken home to be with the Lord

BERNHARD JOHNSON, SR., passed away in Brazil on November 13. Brother Johnson had been a missionary to that country for over 20 years. In that time he had taken only two furloughs. He leaves his wife, Bernhard Johnson, Jr., also a missionary to Brazil, and several other children attending school here in the states.

MARY J. PARISH was taken to be with the Lord on October 24. Sister Parish was the wife of Rev. H. R. Parish, pastor at the Assembly of God in Weott. She had played an active part in the W. M. C. program in the Redwood Section serving as director for some time.

## DISTRICT REVIVALTIME RERORT

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SEPTEMBER	From First of Year
TOP FIVE GIVERS (Church and Personal Offerings)	
Las Vegas, Trinity .....	\$83.50
Crescent City, A/G .....	60.40
Eureka, First A/G .....	45.20
Hayward, Bethel .....	40.00
Redwood City, A/G .....	35.00
Lodi, First A/G .....	\$844.07
Modesto, Bethel .....	761.31
Las Vegas, Trinity .....	629.00
Eureka, First A/G .....	421.50
Crescent City, A/G .....	398.20
TOTAL GIVING	
\$1,830.12	\$15,225.66


NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING  
(Out of 341 Churches)

119 176  
(Help Make 100% This Year)

### THIS MONTH'S COVER

Just as Joseph and Mary gazed into the face of the Christ-child 2000 years ago, and beheld the Word made flesh, so we today may look into the pages of the Holy Bible and behold the written Word. At this Christmas season we do not have the Babe nor the manger, but never was Christmas more real than now. We trust that the family scene on our cover, drawn by Everett Wilson, will prompt you and your family and many others to enjoy together the Christmas set forth in the Scripture.





## News from Our Churches --

### BETHANY PARK --

Craig Chapel special speakers recently were Pastor Mel Steward of Escalon, Dick Fulmer, national C. A. secretary and District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. L. T. Holdcroft is pastor.

### CARMICHAEL --

Audrey Meier held a choir clinic and workshop October 4, sponsored by assistant pastor Bill Stewart. On October 16 Bethany Bible College male chorus and girls trio ministered in song. Music Director Forrest Beiser brought the morning message. Lionel Suter is pastor.

### CARSON CITY, NEVADA --

At a recent homecoming and dedication of the remodeled sanctuary and Sunday school facilities, Joseph L. Gerhart was speaker. During the month of October there was a record Sunday school and morning worship attendance. A Catholic teen-ager was converted. The pastor is Dwight Burchett.

### CUPERTINO --

Pastor H. Russell Baker reports a youth crusade with Evangelist John McPherson in October. There was a good increase in the Junior Department of the Sunday school. Souls were saved and the sick healed. Regular prayer meetings at the church are being held. The Musical Hobbs were guests October 23 and the Waymakers of Bethany, October 30.

### EUREKA --

Pastor of First Assembly, Johnnie Smith, writes, four new couples have been received into the church following the special meetings with Evangelist Roy Whitt.

### FIREBAUGH --

Pastor Norman Bray reports a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Hensley. At least six have been saved.

### HAWTHORNE, NEVADA --

Nevade Sectional Fellowship Meeting on September 19 was well attended. Pastor Carl Wilhite of Eli, Nevada, and Pastor Douglas Roman of Coalinga, Calif., were speakers. Maurice Caudill of Winnemucca is presbyter.

### LODI --

Evangelists Gene and Ruth Martin

held a revival with Pastor Gene Forrest in October. Mission field pictures were featured. Excellent crowds attended. A young couple with a family were saved following a year of special effort. Fifteen were baptised in water.

### MILL VALLEY --

Sgt. Bill Parsons of the Calif. Highway Patrol spoke to the C. A.s of South Marin Assembly October 21. Arriving in full uniform on his motorcycle, he spoke on the major causes of accident and the Ten Commandments applied to driving. He is Minister of Education and Music at the First Baptist Church in Novato and concluded his talk with a message on "The Love of God and Our Witness for Christ on the Highway." James C. Walton is pastor.

### MODESTO --

Bethel Church enjoyed the Ira Stanphills in October. Paul Boyer represented the New Hope Leper Colony in November and Robert Fierro ministered in December. L. B. Lewis, is pastor.

### NORTH HIGHLANDS --

Assembly of God enjoyed a musical program October 16 with the male chorus and girls trio from Bethany Bible College. Student Charles Beadle was guest speaker. John Gottschalk of Ceylon was Men's Fellowship speaker November 5. Glen Parks is pastor.

### OAKLAND --

Calvary Temple broke ground for new educational facilities October 23.

District Secretary Jack Edgar was morning speaker and Superintendent J. L. Gerhart officiated in the groundbreaking. Eleanor Johnson spoke November 6 before leaving for the Philippines. Oliver L. Foth is pastor.

### PITTSBURG --

Rio Vista Assembly enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Earnest Coleman recently. A father of nine and a father of two were saved. Irvin Simons is pastor.

### ROSEVILLE --

First Assembly observed Homecoming Day November 13. Assistant Superintendent R. A. Wilson was the guest speaker. A potluck dinner was held in Johnson Hall at the Fairgrounds. Also a good revival was held in November with Evangelist Ron Prinzing. The pastor is Robert Pirtle.

### SALINAS --

Alisal Assembly was host to the Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting October 24. The Lightbearers Quartet brought special music and the afternoon message while Pastor Leland R. Keys of San Jose spoke in the evening. In September a revival was held by Evangelists Kenny and Lois Irwin. Seven were filled with the Holy

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## IN NEED OF PRAYER

Retired after 30 years of pastoring, the Lord has given me a ministry from my home.

If you are in need of spiritual or physical help from the Lord contact me at 1169 So. 8th St., San Jose, Calif. Phone Cypress 5-0974.

I go to prayer as soon as your letter or call is received and expect God to answer. I will send you a letter of encouragement to believe and give God the glory.

—S. H. Robertson.

## No Christmas - - - ?

A story has been told of a clergyman who fell asleep in his study one Christmas eve to dream of a world into which Jesus had never come. In his dream he seemed to be looking through his home, but there were no children's stockings hanging over the mantle, no Christmas bells, no wreaths of holly. He walked out into the streets of the town and there was no church to be found anywhere, no spires pointing toward heaven. He came back to his library where, to his utter amazement he could not find a single book about the Saviour. They

had all disappeared.

He dreamed that the front door chime sounded and he discovered a little girl upon the threshold, her face stained with tears. "My mama's dying! Please come and pray with her."

The minister followed the weeping child to the mother's bedside where he sat down and said, "I have something here that will comfort you." He opened his Bible, but it ended at Malachi — no promise of hope and salvation. There was no message of consolation, no word of glorious resurrection.

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## Pictorial Report: MISSIONETTE CONVENTION

Excitement ran high as Missionettes from throughout the District gathered on the morning of November 11 at Bethel Temple in Sacramento for the very first Missionette Convention in Northern California. What took place on that day was a surprise to even those who had shared in the planning. Here in pictures is an idea of what it was like.

**Upper left:** The evening banquet was highlighted with a talk by Mrs. Paul Pipkin, missionary to Japan. She was assisted by her three Missionette-age daughters.

**Upper center:** The entire convention was directed by Goldia Anderson (right), W. M. C. president, and Mercedes Bowen, Missionette director.

**Upper right:** The banquet theme was *Stairway to the Stars* which is also the title of the Missionette's new achievement program. This program was outlined to the girls at the banquet by Mercedes Bowen.

**Right side, top:** Three hundred and fifty girls were expected to attend. When the final count was taken, over 800 had registered.

**Right side, bottom:** Left to right at the banquet table are: Katty Boring, Rev. Walt Boring, D-Cap, Goldia Anderson, Mrs. Paul Pipkin, Mercedes Bowen and Mrs. Elmer E. Stump.

**Lower left: to right:** The March of the Dime Bouquets was among the most exciting events of the day. The winners are shown. Third place was taken by Carmichael; second by Oakland, First Church, Stockton, East Side won first in the smaller church class, and Sunnyvale first in the larger church class.







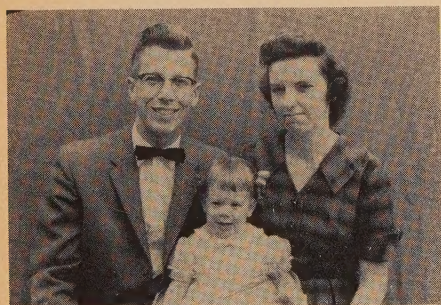
# MISSIONARIES ABROAD

## CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, El Salvador, write of the tremendous growth in San Salvador. From 1956, with one church of 60 members and 100 in Sunday school, it has grown to 20 churches with 1,200 members and 7,700 in Sunday school. There are also 155 branch Sunday schools. There is an urgent request for financial help in buying a tract of land for a new Bible school site, night school and camp grounds. Send offerings to Missions Department, designated El Salvador Institute Building.

## CENTRAL AMERICA —

Leland and Shirley Good, Costa Rica, have spent their first five weeks in San Jose. Their days and nights are



The Goods

taken up with language study which they state is vitally important. Progress is being made and they are looking forward to laboring in Bolivia.

## INDIA —

Inez Kreiss sailed unexpectedly October 22 aboard the S. S. Silver Spray. She had not anticipated leaving for several months. A number of friends saw her sail.

## JAPAN —

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno sailed October 28 from San Francisco just seven years from the date of their first sailing. Pray for them.

## MEXICO —

John and Elsie Peck are encouraged in the many opportunities for ministry and the gratifying results. A Men's Fellowship has been started. Pray for the school's financial need.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS —

Eleanor Johnson is teaching in the Immanuel Bible Institute in Cebu.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS —

Calvin and Olive Zeissler, Cebu, send an interesting account of how some students were directed to the Bible Institute. Through outdoor evangelistic meetings, street meetings and personal testimony their hearts were touched and the call of God came to lead them out of various walks of life to minister to their own people.

## SOUTH AFRICA —

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Transvaal, rejoice in an enrollment of 106 at the African Training School. A student has been used of God in the conversion of two witch doctors and is dealing with another. Another student, while on vacation in his home location, was assaulted and threatened with death. God scattered his assail-

ants when he cried "Jesus is the Lord!" Continue to pray for the provision of a relocation site.

## SOUTH AMERICA —

Leroy and Elaine Atwood and Alberta Daniels, Montevideo, Uruguay, arrived safely October 18 after a splendid trip with excellent accommodations and opportunities to minister. Greatly surprised and inspired by the reports of progress there, they are eagerly looking forward to a ministry in Uruguay.

## SOUTH AMERICA —

Lowell and Virla Dowdy, Concepcion, Chile, recently enjoyed a revival



Benedicto Chavez and Bro. Dowdy

with Evangelists Stanley and Ethel McPherson. This was the first campaign in the new church building and

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## From Out of The Past

Recently, in one of our nostalgic moods, we found ourselves browsing through the file of back-dated Glad Tidings Magazines here at the District office which are kept safely locked away in the fireproof vault. If you are either an old-timer or a youngster, we think you will enjoy some of the following items.

### TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Pastor DAN ROBINSON of Salida reported a revival with Evangelist EARL McKIM from Oklahoma. CHARLES L. ELMES of Gridley was speaker at the Lassen-Plumas fellowship meeting. DONALD NORTH assumed the pastorate at Greenville. JAMES ATKINS and CALVIN ZEISSLER concluded a revival with J. C. SYNDER at Kerman.

An article entitled "Home for Christmas" by MARJORIE HOLLAND appeared on the C. A. page. EDDIE KRAMER reported on the student life at Glad Tidings Bible Institute. On the back page of the magazine was "Current Signs" compiled by ALBERT J. LEBECK.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

District Superintendent LELAND R. KEYS wrote an open letter. R. J. THURMOND, District secretary-treasurer, had his by-line on an article titled "Christ Has Come . . ." The District Sunday School Director was BERNICE MAST. The Christ's Ambassadors were being led by HAROLD S. LEHMANN, president; OLIVER L. FOTH, vice president; E. WM. ANDERSON, secretary-treasurer.

MAURICE LUCE of Auburn was speaker at the South Sacramento Section fellowship meeting. In Escalon, Pastor C. ELY PERSING had a meeting with CLAUDE O. WOOD.

R. B. THOMAS, student editor of news from Glad Tidings Bible Institute, reported that RUSSELL PRATT was director of the radio choir and

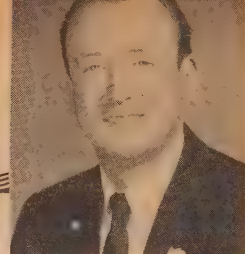
### THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

W. R. STEELBERG, president of the Pentecostal Ambassadors for Christ, (later changed to Christ's Ambassadors).

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# Men's Fellowship



WALT HANSON, President

## Meet Delmar Ralph

### Director, Capital Section



Delmar Grant Ralph was born May 13, 1931, in Kennewick, Washington. The doctor said he could not live more than an hour after birth, but our God gives or takes life as he chooses and in this case, he chose to give life. Shortly after the start of World War II, the Ralphs settled in Esparto, California, which is about 45 miles west of Sacramento.

It was 1945 when Delmar was 12 years of age that he first heard the story of salvation. A little old lady would come to their home almost every Saturday inviting the Ralphs to Sunday school. Finally after several months had passed, Delmar and his mother attended the United Brethren Church in Esparto. They continued going to church. In the fall of that year a missionary by the name of Reverend Casterson returned from the Hawaiian Islands for a rest. Brother Casterson began to hold nightly meetings. After listening to several straight-forward messages annointed by the Holy Spirit, Delmar went forward and with the missionary praying with him, he found the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

Near the end of the Second World War the Ralphs moved to the middle West and settled in the little town of Kellyville, Oklahoma. There Delmar attended and finished high school. It was during an electrical storm on a summer night that Delmar was bap-

tized in the Holy Spirit while praying.

Sunday, July 4, 1948, Delmar met the girl who later was to be his wife. Her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Fryhover, was called to help in the church as it was without a pastor. In May of 1949 Delmar Ralph was united in marriage with Miss Naomi Fryhover in the Turley Assembly of God Church near Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they had been attending services.

During high school days Delmar participated in the two sports his small high school offered, basketball and softball. He made varsity basketball in both junior and senior years and was named on the conference all-star five-man team. In softball, he played left-field and was second-string pitcher for his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He has continued playing softball for several years, pitching for the Capital Assembly of God softball team in Sacramento.

Delmar Grant Ralph is unusual for a name and it has been confusing for others all his life. The draft board contacted him three separate times trying to get their records straight. They wanted to know which name was the last name, Delmar or Ralph.

In 1952 Delmar moved with his family to the capital of California and was employed by the Aerojet-General Corporation in the stores department. At the present time he is a stockclerk

leadman.

The Ralphs, Delmar, his wife, three sons and daughter, attend the Capital Assembly of God in Sacramento. Delmar has been active in Sunday school and church work, serving as a deacon and teacher of the intermediate boys. In January of this year, Delmar was elected president of the C. A.'s.

A favorite pastime of Delmar's is looking at old maps and collecting new ones. He enjoys camping and roughing it in the mountains along a good trout stream, also hunting the various types of game that are bountiful here.

Brother Ralph is the son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ralph of Esparto, California.

#### NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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Spirit and several were saved. The pastor is Joe Wright.

#### SALINAS —

The Men's Fellowship of Calvary Assembly heard Pastor Jim Wertley of Los Lomas October 20. Ray Oliver is pastor.

#### SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple featured a special musical guest each Sunday in October. Included were Mary Jane Gaetke of Lodi, the Bethanaires of Bethany Bible College and the Russian Choir from San Francisco. The Sixth Annual Fall Choir Festival was held with nine choirs participating. Evangelist Warren Litzman returned to Bethel Temple for a second campaign with Pastor Clyde Henson on November 1.

#### ORANGEVALE —

Pastor M. L. Woods reports "Operation-Empty Chair" resulted in their attendance jumping from 143 to 195. Plans have been completed for their new building and work began November 1. Seating 400, it includes a large prayer room, four large Sunday school rooms, nursery and pastor's office.

#### PLEASANT HILL —

The church now has a building on their property and are renovating it for a chapel. Services are being held

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# MISSIONARIES AT HOME

## OID DILLINGHAM —

Ovid and Helen Dillingham, recently home for furlough from India, are at Mission Villa. Though they will not begin itinerating until January 1, they may be contacted for earlier meetings.

## WALTER ERICKSON —

Walter and Ruth Erickson are only waiting additional support which has been pledged. When verified through Springfield they will be leaving for South America.

## News from Our Churches

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in the parsonage which is over-crowded. Pastor C. L. Paasch is working full-time beside the effort put on the chapel. Finances are slow. Pray for these workers.

## SAN BRUNO —

Recent guest speakers for Pastor A. I. Haun are a Gideon, Bill Stewart and Phil Thacher.

## SAN FRANCISCO —

Community Assembly recently enjoyed the ministry of Dr. C. C. Burnett of Bethany Bible College. Bob Cavallini is pastor.

## SAN JOSE —

Pastor Phil Lindvall of Alum Rock Assembly featured special music this past month. November 13 a twenty-voice male chorus sang, the Swedish string band was present November 20 and the Hobbs Family with western singing December 4.

## SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple heard Evangelist Ralph Cranston in November. The pastor is Kermit Jeffrey.

## SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly enjoyed a revival with Evangelist George Branch October 9-23. Missionary Olga Renfroe was a recent speaker. Adrian Benning is pastor.

## ST. HELENA —

North Bay Sectional Fellowship Meeting was held October 17 with Pastor Fred Alford. Speakers were Pastors Harold Rhodes of San Rafael, V. T. Eldridge of North Vallejo and Manuel Sequeira of Oakland. William O. Vickery is presbyter.

## SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Ira Stanphill in October. The Fall W. M. C. Rally was held October 25 with Dave Paco of Bethany Bible Colleg speaker. Jams and jellies were brought for the college. Missionary Lester Summerall was

## JOHN KENNEDY —

John and Daisy Kennedy are living in Mission Villa since returning from Africa and are available for meetings before itinerating after January 1.

## H. B. GARLOCK —

H. B. and Ruth Garlock are to be home in December after missionary ministry which began in 1920. This is their last term in Africa and they plan to live in Mission Villa on arrival in California.

guest speaker October 3. Evangelist O. E. Vaale held revival meetings in November, and Pastor George Brown of Oildale spoke in the morning service November 6. Curtis Myers is the new youth director in First Assembly and Ralph Hillegas is pastor.

## TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple's pastor, Robert Carrington, reports the Olson Evangelistic Crusade one of the most successful revivals Bethel Temple has experienced. Many were born again and believers filled with the Holy Spirit.

## VALLEJO —

Pastor Trulin of First Assembly was guest speaker at a three-day Sunday school seminar in Seattle. North Bay Sectional C. A. Rally was held at First Assembly November 7. Missionary Mark Buntain from Calcutta, India, was speaker for Speed-the-Light Dollar Day November 13. The Litzman Campaign, October 19-30, included morning services and a Saturday night service.

## WINNEMUCCA —

Five nights of training course, "The Church Begins," was conducted in September with Charlotte Caudill instructor. The enrollment was 14 with the entire staff receiving certificates. On September 30 the Nevada Sectional C. A. Rally had 100 in attendance with Walt Boring speaker. Jo Ann Meredith, Winnemucca C. A. leader, was elected sectional chairman. Maurice Caudill is pastor.

## WOODLAND —

Evangelists Oran and Audrey Duncan held a revival for Pastor R. A. Wilson Jr., October 25 to November 6. The Sunday school is running just under 200.

# MISSIONARIES

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the first since the great earthquake-tidal wave catastrophe in May. One, Benedicto Chavez, brought 60 first-timers during the 11 nights of services and won a Bible. Among these was a 35-year-old man who was an epileptic. He testified to complete healing.

## SOUTH AMERICA —

Ralph and Jewel Williams returned to Venezuela in September. Stopping in El Salvador, they were able to take in the final day of convention. The mission house has been repaired for living-quarters and the Bible School has opened. Brother Williams will divide his time between teaching and field work. The small trailer taken with them will be used for living accommodations as they travel. District assistance on their fare last summer was deeply appreciated.

## WEST AFRICA —

George Anderson, Ghana, writes of two splendid native workers. Joshua had been baptised during Anderson's first term while he was attending secondary school. For three years he has been attending an army officer's training school in England and on weekends traveling with a lay preacher in services. He is greatly burdened for his Mohammedan people who have cast him out. Sampson is being used to bring his entire village to Christ. He is head school master and pastor of the church.

## Attention Church Boards

Every pastor has wished for an opportunity to visit the Holy Land. The thrill of walking the roads and visiting the cities which Christ and all the other colorful Bible characters walked and inhabited, is one that would enhance the ministry of any pastor. May we urge you to send your pastor to the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches being held in Jerusalem, May 19-21, 1961. His visit there would benefit your assembly through the enlargement of his vision. Time is growing short, why not start a fund for this purpose now or arrange a travel loan and send him to the convention.

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Walt Boring, D-Cap

## Construction Begun On 2nd C.A. Church

The place is beautiful resort town, Clearlake Highlands. The occasion is the groundbreaking services of a new Assemblies of God church. The financing sponsors are the Northern California and Nevada Christ's Ambassadors.

For the second time in three years, the C. A.'s of this District are supplying the money for the erection of a new Assemblies of God church. The first church, completely paid for, is in the lovely foothill town of Ione, California. Pastor Paul Seaburg reports that the beautiful chapel has won the Assemblies of God a warm welcome in the community. The new project at Clearlake Highlands is now well under way and Pastor W. C. McPheeters reports that the people of the town have been very favorably impressed by the fact that the church is being paid for by the youth of our organization. This church should be completely paid for by early next year. Hats off to our wonderful Christ's Ambassadors.

### WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows — not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes — they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites — if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like kittens — they are more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs — you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons — full of air and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers — they have to be pulled.

Some are like neon lights — they keep going on and off.

Others are letting the Holy Spirit lead them.

And we would like to add — some are like a good watch; open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

—Unknown.



The above pictured team put forth every effort to make C. A. Day at Lodi really youth centered. From left to right they are: Ivan Suess, C. A. president, Wilda Suess, Pastor Gene Forrest, Mrs. Gene Forrest, Mrs. Walt Boring and D-Cap Walt Boring.

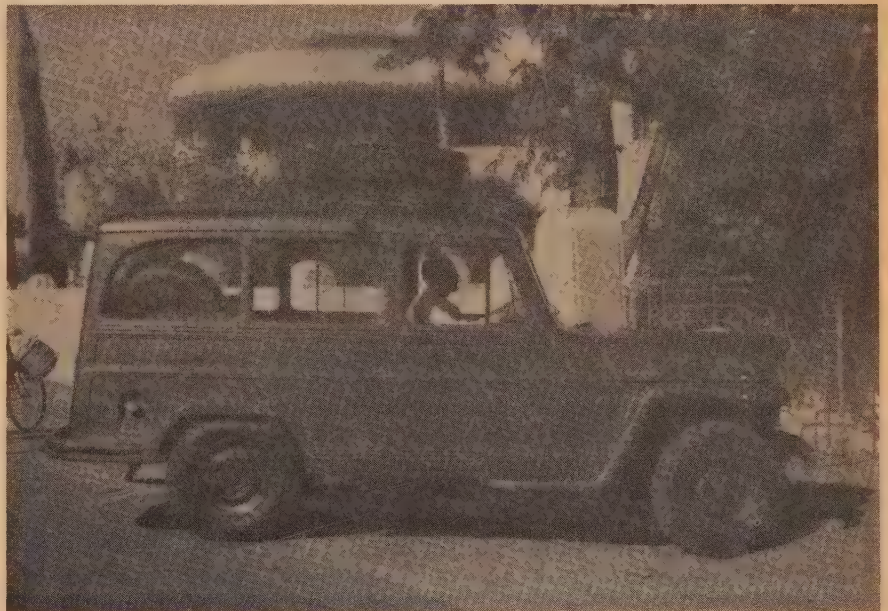
## National C.A. Day at Lodi

National C. A. Day was packed with action at Lodi's First Assembly of God. The National theme of "GO" was followed throughout the day's activities which included a breakfast banquet and a highly effective skit in the evening along with all of the reg-

ularly scheduled Sunday program.

D-Cap Walt Boring was the guest speaker for the day. He reports that Pastor Gene C. Forrest and C. A. President Ivan Suess went all-out to make the day youth centered.

## C.A.s Help Buy Missionary Car



Missionary John Wright, Bethany Bible College, class of 1947, maneuvers the wheel of a new Speed-the-Light Jeepster purchased by his class-

mates and C. A. friends from Northern California and Nevada. The picture was taken on the field in India.



## CHRISTMAS

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tion. He could only bow his head and weep with her in hopeless despair.

Suddenly he awoke with a shout of joy he heard the choir in the church next door singing,—

"Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright."

Suppose Christ had not come. Suppose Bethlehem's manger had never cradled the Holy Child. What kind of a world would this be?

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." I Timothy 1:15.

There has been an unprecedented demand for Scriptures in Brazil since publication late in 1959 of a revised Portuguese Bible, according the American Bible Society. The Sociedade Biblica de Brasil hopes to produce a minimum of 300,000 Bibles in the new version during 1960, if paper supplies and funds permit. Paper is rationed by the Brazilian government.

## Out of Past

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bassadors) announced the next convention to be held in Dunsmuir. It was hoped a train would leave Oakland and pick up delegates along the way. District Superintendent M. T. DRAPER noted in his monthly report that at Lookout where D. L. BROWN was pastor "a backslidden minister of a certain denomination was wonderfully reclaimed."

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

R. J. CRAIG reported the move to the "new Glad Tidings Temple" across the street from the building on Ellis Street in which they had been located for the years. Several articles and announcements appeared about the

new radio station, KGTT. The 200-voice choir was featured on the station which broadcasted two hours each day.

OLIVE WILLIAMS, writing from Colusa, told of her ministry there. She was glad for an opportunity to rest as OCAR ARNESEN had come to take over the church. A report from Sacramento mentioned that the crowds were so large at Victoria Hall "I had to preach on a two by six railing to keep from stepping on people's feet." HELEN BRYAM wrote a poem called *A Prayer*.

A boxed space contained the suggestion that a subscription to Glad Tidings Magazine would make a splendid Christmas gift.

## Regional Prayer Meeting, December 12-13

The Spiritual Life prayer meeting for the Southwest region, part of which is the Northern California and Nevada District, will be held in Full Gospel Tabernacle, 2530 Divisadero Street, Fresno, California. (Robert Thomas is pastor.) The Monday service will begin at 7:30 p. m. The Tuesday service will begin at 9:00 a. m. and continue throughout the afternoon and evening. Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, will be present to conduct the services.

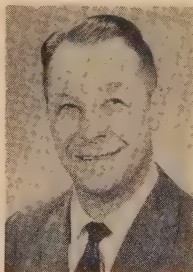
## SECOND ANNUAL . . .

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### LOCATIONS AND DATES

San Jose — Calvary Temple .....	Jan. 9	Eureka — Bethel Assembly .....	Jan. 12
Marysville — Bethel Temple .....	Jan. 10	Ukiah — Assembly of God .....	Jan. 13
Anderson — Assembly of God .....	Jan. 11	Modesto — Bethel Church .....	Jan. 14

» » **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!** « «





## Sunday School Teacher- **B. G. M. C. Sets National Goal at \$23,000 for 1961**

### Think on This

When Michelangelo went down to Rome one winter to work in sculpture, he found all the Carrara marble had been taken by other sculptors. Only a large, broken misshapen piece remained. With nothing else to work on he sat down in front of that unpromising piece of material and studied its possibilities and its limitations. Finally he figured out how, by creating a figure with an arm outstretched in this way, and head bent that way he could give tolerable reproduction of David with his slingshot facing Goliath. He set patiently to work with the result that the choice room in the famous Pitti Art Gallery of Florence is given over entirely to this great masterpiece — the most prized object in that collection.

—From *God's Reach* by Glenn Clark.

For over ten years the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade has provided funds to translate and print gospel literature for distribution in foreign fields. Again in 1961 a real spirit of missionary giving is anticipated as we strive on February 5, BGMC Day, to keep up with the example set in past years.

Every year thus far the offering goal has been reached and even surpassed. The goal for BGMC Day this year is \$23,000! All of the money received will be used for the production of printed literature for children of various nations. The children of America will be repeating the theme for 1961, "From Us to You," as they joyfully give to children of other countries through BGMC.

Each church in our district should participate in the BGMC program. Every child should feel his responsibility in spreading the news of the Jesus he knows to other less fortunate children the world over.

The BGMC film, "The Word for the World," is available upon request from the National Sunday School Department. This 16mm color and sound film runs approximately 35 minutes and contains footage actually taken in foreign countries. Since a limited number of copies of the film are available, it is best to place a request for rental as soon as possible.

The film rental fee is \$10 per showing. A publicity packet for the film is \$1. This packet contains 200 descriptive handbills, ten large two-color posters, one newspaper mat, and one newspaper release. It is suggested that an offering be taken at the showing of the film and everything over the rental fee be given to the BGMC fund. Missionary credit will be given for the offering, including the rental charge.

"The Word for the World" is an excellent means of promoting the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade in the local church.

**ORDER NOW!**

January will soon be here and with it comes Training Month. Your plans for a workers training course undoubtedly have been carefully made by now and a competent instructor has possibly been chosen to teach the course. But, has the most important matter been taken care of yet? Have the textbooks and various materials been ordered?

The suggested textbook for 1961 is *Ways of Understanding God's Word*, by J. Robert Ashcroft. As this book performs the duties of a competent guide, it also provides helps for developing skill in using the Bible. Many perplexing questions will be answered by a study of this book; and it will lead to a new knowledge of the Word of God. Secure your textbooks early to be certain that they are on hand when your training course begins. Order now!

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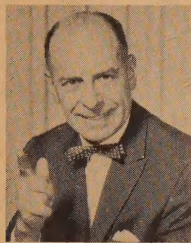
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## Evangelists in District



Ralph  
Cranston

Evangelist Ralph I. Cranston has returned to the evangelistic field and is now available for revival campaigns. Rev. Cranston has ministered for many years in Washington, California and throughout the United States and Canada. He spent five years in Europe ministering in three different locations. He was one of the scheduled speakers at the Pentecostal World Conference in London, England. Anyone wishing to contact him for revivals should write him at 2191 Casa Mia Drive, San Jose, California.



Donnal  
Martin

Evangelist Martin, ordained with the North Texas District, plans to be in the Northern California-Nevada District January 1.

Brother Martin has been a very successful minister of the Word in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and Oregon. He is now in meetings in Oklahoma City.

He is known and loved in the mid-west, and has served the evangelistic field for about 12 years. He travels alone. His musical ministry includes solo work, also piano, organ and accordion. His California address: 135 Anderson Street, Santa Cruz.

### BIBLE BRIEFS

The Korean Bible Society will observe this year (1960) the 50th Anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Korean. The Korean translation was completed on April 2, 1910.

Nearly two million copies of the Scriptures were distributed in Japan during 1959, according to the Japan Bible Society.

Bethel Temple Presents



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# Assemblies Growth in Brazil

The second district council meeting of the Assemblies of God of the state of Minas Gerais (General Mines), Brazil, was held September 1-4 in Divinopolis, headquarters of the Bernhard Johnsons Jr.

Ninety-five pastors representing 75 cities were registered as well as over 400 out-of-town delegates and other believers. This large state compares in size to Texas and Oregon combined and numbers 52,000 Assemblies of God members. The local church was packed on the first night so it was

necessary to conduct the remaining evening rallies in the street as the crowd swelled to over 1,000.

On the final Sunday, buses and trucks brought Christians from surrounding areas including the capital of Belo Horizonte (Beautiful Horizon) which was represented by our state congressman, a famed 60-voice choir, and a brass band. A great parade led by the pastors and visiting musicians marched through the main streets across town to the river where 5,000 bystanders witnessed the baptiz-

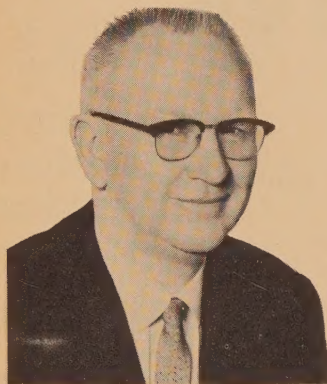
ing of 35 new converts. Many prominent businessmen and professional people including the mayor who gave a welcoming speech to the delegates were greatly impressed by the impact of this evangelical movement upon the city in spite of the persecution efforts launched by religious authorities.

Though it claims the world's largest Roman Catholic population, Brazil also has the fastest growing evangelical movement. The Assemblies of God numbers over 1,000,000 adherents.

**NEW BIBLE SCHOOL** — A new foreign Bible school will be opened this fall in the Netherlands, making possible training for Dutch pastors. The school is made available through Global Conquest funds. Plans for the school were adopted in a meeting of the Assemblies of God Fellowship in Holland at Dreibergen, June 1. Foreign Missions Field Secretary Victor G. Greisen was present for formation of the school program.

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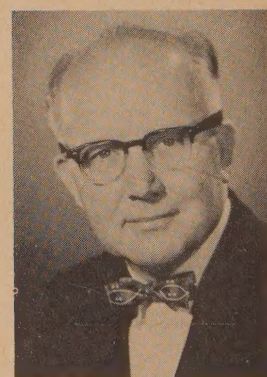
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